



Blue Banner - July 1989

IS ST. MICHAEL'S MOVING?

Undoubtedly many of our alumni have read various articles in the newspapers about the state of affairs at St. Michael's. Let me set the record straight.

St. Michael's College School has entered into an agreement with a consortium of developers concerning the property at St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street. The agreement consists of two parts — the first covering approximately six acres to the south of the school grounds; the second covering the remaining land on which the school and its facilities now stand . . . approximately 10 acres.

The first part of the agreement has been completed. The six-acre parcel has been sold to the consortium and development plans have been prepared.

Contrary to reports in the press, the second part of the agreement has not been completed and may not be completed for up to seven years — *if at all*. Certain conditions apply to this part of the agreement, the salient one being the question of whether or not St. Michael's College School is to be relocated.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of the agreement, the Basilian Fathers will use their best efforts to find an alternative, acceptable site for the school. Many different needs — of students, parents, staff, alumni, etc. — must be taken into account in the interests of a wise, prudent decision.

As is noted above, the salient question is whether or not St. Michael's is to be relocated. Several questions have to be answered before a decision is made.

What will be required to bring our buildings up to standard to meet the current fire regulations for educational institutions?

What will it cost to refurbish, update and repair the student lockers, the computer centre, the gym and shower rooms, the art studio, the music area and the science labs?

Should we not have more classrooms, a larger cafeteria, another gym and an auditorium to adequately serve our students?

Are there sufficient prep rooms and offices for the size of the staff we have?

Could the school be easily equipped to suit the needs of the handicapped?

What could be done to alleviate the severe parking problems which we encounter regularly?

What would it cost to repair the outdoor stadium, resurface the track and put the football field in acceptable up-to-standard conditions.

One also has to ask whether a suitable location can be found in Metropolitan Toronto which would be close to transportation lines? Would a change of location from the heart of the city lessen the appeal that St. Michael's presently enjoys? What would it cost to build and equip a state of the art school?

These are some of the questions which have to be addressed by the staff, students, parents and alumni in collaboration with the Basilian Fathers.

The answer to these and other questions should provide some insight into the dilemma of whether St. Mike's should remain on the present site or relocate to a new and larger site with new up to date facilities. A wise and prudent decision will not be easily reached, but whatever the outcome let us hope and pray that St. Michael's will continue to offer a first-class education.

Fr. P.F. McCabe, C.S.B.

Have Your Say!

What you do think about St. Mike's moving?

Are there concerns that you have that should be presented to the Basilian Council?

Take the time and let us know, all correspondence will be forwarded to the council so that they are aware of your concerns!

Please send all your comments to: St. Mike's Alumni, 1515 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3H4

St. Michael's Alumni Bursary Program

When was the last time you helped support your Alumni Association?

Okay, we know you don't like to be constantly reminded but believe me we need your help.

Our mailing list has grown to over 5000 grads and friends and the costs of putting together & mailing the Banner have escalated.

How can you help?

All we ask is that you make a donation to our scholarship and bursary program. Any gift of \$25.00 or more will receive a charitable donation receipt for the full amount. Please do it now, your gift does make a difference!

We would like to thank the following who have mailed in gifts since the last Banner.

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Oh, What At Night!

On Tuesday April 4th over 500 Alumni & friends gathered at the beautiful facilities of Le Parc (Markham) for the Second Annual - St. Michael's Alumni Celebrity Dinner. It was a night that will long be remembered as we payed homage to a worthy St. Michael's graduate, Leonard 'Red' Kelly.

Joining 'Red' at the head table were other grads Ted Lindsay, Frank Mahovlich, Dick Duff, Murray Costello, and Father Ted McLean C.S.B. We were also pleased to have with us some of 'Red's' former teammates and friends, Eddie Shack, Bobby Baun, Marty Pavelich and George Gross.

Master of Ceremonies for the evenings' festivities was resident funnyman at St. Mike's Dan Prendergast and what a great job he did.

It was a night that will long be remembered not only for the accolades that were bestowed upon 'Red' but also because of the heart felt 'Thanks' expressed by a number of speakers directed towards the Basilian Fathers for their inspirational teachings and dedication. Many recalled how they had taken those fundamental lessons learned long ago and had applied them in their everyday life throughout their professional careers.

Many friendships were rekindled as former classmates relived those memorable years as students at 'Cloverhill' or beneath 'The Tower' at Bathurst & St. Clair. To top things off, it was also a financial success as close to \$20,000 was raised and will be used for bursaries in Red Kelly's name.

Hopefully, we can continue to have events such as this to honour past graduates and raise funds for a great cause.

A special 'Thank You' has to go out to everyone who attended and all those who assisted in making this our most successful dinner ever.



WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Tell us about what you've been up to and we'll publish it in our next Blue Banner.



† IN MEMORIAM †

Fr. Matthew Patrick Sheedy C.S.B.

March 16, 1913 - February 9, 1989

On February 9th, 1989 at Hotel Dieu hospital in Windsor, Father Matt Sheedy, a former graduate, teacher and principal of St. Michael's College School succumbed to cancer and was born into eternal life.

Matthew Patrick Sheedy was born on March 16, 1913 in Toronto. After completing his elementary schooling at Holy Rosary, he enrolled at St. Michael's College School where he graduated from in 1932. While attending St. Michael's he excelled in both hockey and football and in fact rejected a professional hockey contract in order to join the Basilian Fathers.

In September of 1933 he applied for admission to the Basilian novitiate. The following year he professed his first vows and was appointed to Assumption College in Windsor for undergraduate studies. In 1936 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario, returned to Toronto and entered the Ontario College of Education where he earned his Ontario teaching certificate.

Throughout his teaching career he touched many hearts in various locals. His first teaching assignment was in Detroit at Catholic Central. However, he soon again returned to Toronto where he began Theological studies at St. Basils Seminary. While at St. Basils he also assisted in the classrooms at St. Michael's.

On August 15, 1940 he was ordained in St. Basils Church, the same Church he had been baptized in 27 years earlier.

Over the next 49 years Matt continued his course work earning a Master of Arts degree at the University of Detroit as well as teaching at many varied residences including St. Thomas High School in Houston, St. Michael's College in Toronto and Assumption College in Windsor. He was also principal at the latter two from 1958 to 1972.

From 1972 until his death Fr. Sheedy distinguished himself at Assumption as a guidance counsellor, in the classroom, on the coaching fields and with the Mother's Club. He also began the Assumption Alumni Association, laying the foundation for a great organization.

He was a faithful and loyal man; his prayer life was central to him; his relationship with people - Basilian and lay - was characterized by his animated conversation and eagerness to be present for important events in their lives. His radiant enthusiasm in whatever he did - teach, coach, preach, pray, administer, moderate - was contagious with his students, his teachers, his players. He distinguished himself in educational circles as a man who believed in discipline; with his compassionate nature this discipline helped produce first class athletes, honours students and loyal and lasting friends. His confreres and the life of the Community, both local and general, were precious to and cherished by him. Athletics, both as participant and spectator, played an important part of his recreation; but most frequently this activity was in the context of being there for family, friends and confreres.

Father Matt will always be remembered by many as a great friend, an inspirational leader and everybody's pal. However, probably his most noted characteristic was his radiant enthusiasm which became contagious when you were around him. This enabled him to be the great motivator that he was.

He will be missed by many hearts that he touched throughout his distinguished career, however his inspiration will live forever.

THE COACH CALLS IT QUILTS!

Dan Prendergast retires from coaching the Senior Basketball Team

After coaching the senior basketball team at St. Mike's for the past 24 years, Dan Prendergast is hanging up the whistle for the last time. Dan, who has been at St. Mike's for 28 years will continue as the Head of Guidance Services and still be a major component of the faculty.

His accomplishments as a coach are exceptional and his legacy will be difficult to duplicate. In his 24 years his team has finished in 1st place 20 times and they have been T.D.C.A.A. league champions 17 times. Thirty-one of his players have gone on to play University Basketball, and seven have played with Division I schools in the U.S. His tutelage will be greatly missed but I'm sure if you show up at the gym next year during a senior basketball game you just might see him hanging around to offer assistance if needed. A lot of former players would like to thank him for a job well done.



St. Michael's Buzzers



1988-89 - All Ontario Junior 'B' Champions

On Wednesday, May 3rd at St. Mike's Arena the St. Michael's Buzzers capped off an outstanding year by defeating the Niagara Falls Canucks 5-3 to capture the All-Ontario Junior 'B' Championship for the 6th time.

It was a great year for the team considering the many obstacles, both on and off the ice, that they had to contend with. A lot of credit has to go to the coaches, all former S.M.C. grads, Scott McLellan, Tony Cella and Rick Wilson as well as everyone else associated with the teams management and operations.

Although St. Mike's handily captured the 'Fullan Division' Championship of the Metro Junior 'B' League, it was a tough grind to meet the end results. They played a total of 5 best of seven-series defeating Kingston (twice), Bramalea and Sarnia before crushing Niagara Falls four games to one in the All-Ontario Final.

Perhaps the most memorable series was the one played against the Bramalea 'Blues' to win the 'Fullan Division'. Trailing 3 games to 2 St. Mike's had to travel to Bramalea and beat them in their own building before a boisterous standing room only crowd to force a seventh and deciding game. They did just that by coming out with their guns smoking and putting on hold Bramalea's planned victory celebrations. Back at St. Mike's for the seventh game confidence was overwhelming but was quickly deflated as Bramalea skated to the dressing room at the end of the second period with a 5-2 lead.

The third period was perhaps some of the most exciting hockey to be seen in our arena in a long time. St. Mike's went on a tear and extinguished the Bramalea lead scoring 5 unanswered goals.

There were many individual stars however the teams strongest asset was its cohesiveness, playing well together in all areas. The goaltending chores were handled in excellent fashion by Angelo Libertucci (who has since received a scholarship to Bowling Green) and Richard Shulmustra who will be returning next year. The defense led by Matt Brait, Dave Harlock, Ken Klee, Mike Heaney, Gord Law, and Wes McCauley was outstanding and three of them Klee (Bowling Gree), McCauley (Michigan State) and Harlock (U. of Michigan) will be furthering their studies and hockey careers south of the border.

Up front, the most talked about player was Eric Lindros, at 6'2" and 210 lbs. the 16 yr. old whiz was a pleasure to watch and took on all opposition. He handled himself tremendously well for the amount of media attention and pressure that followed him constantly. However, as with every good team the supporting cast had to be exceptional to make this team champions. Players like Scott MacNair, Steve Glugosh, Dino Grossi and Mike Thompson filled their roles exceptionally well and excelled throughout. Grossi (Boston U.) and Thompson (Michigan State) will also be departing for southern arenas.

The rest of the team however, made the squad the champions they are by their tenacious never ending exploits to quell the opposition, players like Jason Dexter, Richard Rerrie, Perry Kotsopoulous, Pat Rogers, Brad Baxter and Paul Maguire were always ready when called upon. If a championship was ever won by team effort and not by individual accomplishments this one was and they all deserve congratulations. However, one player who unfortunately did not play must receive special mention. In early January Ron Bilodeau, one of the leading scorers and a Metro Junior 'B' All-Star was cross-checked from behind and broke his neck. For the first week it was feared that he may have some permanent paralysis, however due to the exceptional on-ice care by team trainer Tom Stevens and hospital care, Ron recovered and in fact practised with the team during their championship run. I'm sure it was a great disappointment not to be in the line-ups but Ron's inspirational support helped immensely.

So, if you want to see some good hockey next season forget the TV. Come on out to St. Mike's arena and watch the 'Buzzers' try to defend their All-Ontario Championship.

IN MEMORIAM

John Michael Cerre

After a three year battle with cancer John Cerre died peacefully at Kingston, Ontario on June 7, 1989. John and his family faced his illness with dignity and courage and were sustained by their faith.

The pain of this precious loss will be deeply felt by John's wife Paula and their daughters, Caitlin, Bridget and Rachel.



John is the son of Margaret and Charles Cerre of Toronto. Charlie, who attended St. Michael's as a student from 1926-28 also coached the very successful St. Michael's Majors Jr. 'A' teams from 1951-55 and will celebrate his 80th birthday this July.

John attended St. Michael's from 1966 until 1971 and excelled on the Bantam, Junior, Juvenile and Jr. 'B' Buzzers teams. During the 1971 season he represented St. Michael's as a Jr. 'B' All-Star. John continued his studies and hockey career at Queens University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts and starred on the Golden Gaels hockey club. For the past 6 years John has been a top sales manager for Motorola Limited in the Kingston region.

John also leaves behind his brother Paul (SMC 65-70) and sisters Mary, Anne and Kate.

We promise to remember John and his young family in our prayers.

Grad News

DON HEENAN (63) - is the Vice-Principal at Holy Cross School in Mississauga.

ANDREW KOWALSKY (76) - recently joined Homelife Real Estate, serving the Etobicoke, Mississauga market. He'd love to hear from some old buddies.

GEORGE MINIACI (85) & EUGENE FRANCAVILLA (85) - recently opened a Fila boutique in Yorkville (24 Bellair St.). Fila sponsors Boris Becker in Tennis and Mark Calcavecchia in Golf.

ANTONIO DISCENZA - recently graduated from the Faculty of Education at the U. of T. and will begin teaching French for the Dufferin-Peel R.C. Board in the fall.

GEORGE BIRINYI (74) - V.P. of Grain Process Enterprises Ltd., married with two children and living in Pickering.

JOE McKEOWN (53) - living in Vancouver and working with the Medical Sciences Liaison Division of the Upjohn Company of Canada.

WALTER SKOMRA (74) - recently made a partner in the insurance firm of Leve, McCabe, Stevenson, Skomra. (The McCabe is Joe McCabe, a St. Mike's grad and one of several McCabe boys to attend St. Mike's.)

LUIGI MARTINO (81) - following graduation from U. of T. in 1986, he travelled extensively with Fred Schaeffer & Assoc. in Concord, Ont. (Urban Planners & Consultants) as a project supervisor.

STEPHEN JONES (74) - working for Coca-Cola in Atlanta, Georgia as a Brand Management Marketing Manager.



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Please remember these other St. Mike's Grads and friends in your prayers:

Joe Primeau - the 1st St. Michael's Grad to play in the N.H.L., member of the famous Kid Line with Toronto and elected to the Hall of Fame in 1963.

John McCauley - whose son Wes recently graduated from S.M.C. after playing on our All-Ontario Champion Buzzers.

HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY? HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST

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